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PAVE IT WITH GOLD.

To grade two miles of the Marion county side of the Suck Creek boulevard it is now estimated will necessitate the expenditure of \$84,000.

And this for grading only. This is the statement in the last issue of the "Dixie Highway," the official organ of the said highway.

Moreover, the same article states that it will take more than this, which is the latest official estimate.

Truly the Dixie Highway is going to be gained at an awful expense of money.

Perhaps it would have been better to have merely built a railroad over the route, for possibly it might be cheaper.

If all railroads cost as much as the Dixie Highway is going to and wore out only one half as fast, it is our opinion there would be mighty few railroads in the country, and the ox team, with its canvas top would once more haul freight.

People are getting awful sick of this enormous expenditure of money, and at the same time wondrous slow progress in road making.

A large amount of money was spent in the Suck Creek section, state and Marion county money, by convict labor, and we were told a most beautiful road was built. Immediately afterwards the road and country adjoining it were donated to Hamilton county by legislative act, against the wishes of that county, which did not wish to be saddled with the incubus.

We have a faint idea that the munificent gift, a \$50,000 road in a den of wild animals, foxes, raccoons, etc., has been taken back also by legislative act of one of our legislators, who seems to get his county into a hole of some kind about every time he "prepares a beel"—by the hands of another man.

The "Dixie Highway" says this road will be passable in sixty or ninety days. We wish to gracious that it could be, but the man in charge of the work said it would be fully a year before it would be passable, and this statement was made about May 1.

There is no telling what the road will cost ultimately. We think there is a mistake made in merely estimating enormous sums, say \$42,000 per mile, for the simple process of grading, but make the estimate demand it paved with gold so that we may know what it will cost and be prepared.

After reading the article of "Mother Patron" in this issue of the News concerning the conditions in Whitwell School, the people of Whitwell should get busy and see that they have better accommodations for the children and the proper number of teachers. This is based on the assumption that the statement made is the truth, which we suppose it is.

To-day concludes spasm the first for this state, politically, thank goodness.

Wonder if you will get "your man" elected today.

Courts say a drunk should be arrested and made to pay for his folly.

THE ARDENT WOOLERS



There are 32 Legislatures in which the Republican party is in power. There are 16 in which the Democratic party is in power.

Twenty-nine Republican Legislatures have ratified the Federal Suffrage Amendment. Six Democratic Legislatures have ratified.

It is the 36th state that counts. The party that will have the final claim on the woman vote in November is the party that brings in the 36th state and thus makes ratification operative in the other 35.

THE CASE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

"Woman suffrage is vital to the right solution of the great problems which we must settle and settle immediately. We shall need women in our vision of affairs as we never have needed them before; the sympathy, the insight and clear moral instinct of the women of the world.

"We shall need their moral sense to preserve what is right and fine and worthy in our system of life as well as to discover just what it is that ought to be purified and reformed. Without their counselings we shall be only half wise."—Woodrow Wilson.

What Mr. Wood Omitted to Say.

In a recent statement, Mr. William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen Company, stated that the reason for closing the mills of that company was because one-third of the orders which it had on hand in February had been cancelled and that no new orders have been received. He laid this wholesale cancellation in part to the propaganda against the company which has been going the rounds of the papers.

Doubtless Mr. Wood is right about the injury done to the American Woolen Company on account of the attacks in the press but he does not tell the whole story. He does not say that there have been immense importations into this country of woolen and union goods, chiefly from the United Kingdom, nor does he speak of the importations of wool from the same source.

Naturally, with the markets flooded with woolen goods and ready-made garments, the market has been glutted and buyers have taken advantage of the conditions to cancel their orders with the American Woolen Company and other manufacturers of woolen goods, and to place their orders for lower priced foreign goods. Wool growers need adequate Tariff Protection if this country is to have a sufficient supply of domestic wool. It is equally true that only adequate Protection can save the market for manufacturer of wool. If woolen mills close, their employees must lie idle. If the employees are idle then the tradesmen of the community in which they live must suffer from the lack of trade. There is only one remedy for idle mills and employees and that is an adequate Protective Tariff which shall ensure a stable market to the manufacturer and continuous employment to his employees.

"SMASHES" THE LEAGUE

(From the Washington Post)
He does not pick the League to pieces; he smashes it with a few blows. He does not equivocate about the making of peace; he will make peace as soon as congress can pass an act for him to sign.

Weak Wilson Prosperity.

The Free-Trade political plea Wilson has not reduced the high cost of living as promised in his pre-election platform, because of "the scarcity of farm labor" is not borne out by facts. Reports from Enid, Okla., Wichita and Hutchinson, Kans., in a single day state that hundreds of men applied for jobs, but (says the Kansas City Journal, and the Daily Oklahoman) "hundreds loitered around the streets of Enid, many of them broke and holding out their hats to passers-by begging for dimes and nickels and sleeping at night in the courthouse yard and basements." "In one day about 500 men applied to the Federal zone clearance officer, and were told that they could not be forwarded until definite calls came in." We thought we were in the midst of a Woodrow Wilson era of Free-Trade prosperity. —Economist.

Primary Law Objectionable.

There is going to be a very strong demand on the next Legislature for the repeal of the compulsory primary law. In a large majority of the counties of the state there is absolutely no need whatever for primaries, yet the law requires that they shall be held and every county is put to heavy expense therefore.

There should be laws throwing the strongest legal restrictions around primary elections but leaving the holding of same to the option of political parties, and leaving the parties or candidates to provide the expenses instead of the country treasuries. —McMinnville Southern Standard.

Harding hit Cox a heavy jolt replying to the assertion of Cox that when he got to be president he was going to have a "dirt farmer" for head of the Agricultural Department, when he said that James Wilson of Iowa, was Secretary of Agriculture for 16 years under three Republican administrations and there was no question he was a real farmer from a real farm. Cox was ignorant of the real history of the case.

"Mother Patron" Brings More Points Regarding Whitwell's School Needs

Editor News:

I did not expect the Whitwell School Board to reply to my last article, and they did not. So far they have never answered any of my questions, and more than that possibly they do not intend to. Either they are ashamed or afraid to tell the public and "Mother Patron" why they failed to re-employ our former teachers. After I had read their apology (and I would apologize if I could not say something worth reading) and had gotten so far as those high sounding words, like "egregious hallucination" and "mental aberrations," I thought, now the Board is going to have something fine to say, and lo! and behold! if they did not degenerate into street urchin slang, "go way back and sit down."

Since writing my last article I had been sitting away back resting and waiting for school and my troubles to begin. I did not think it modest and fair to occupy the centre of the stage so long when so many were wanting to be heard. I truly meant to sit there, but here came the school board with a special blessing for me and was in the act of handing it out to another party. I could not have that, so here I am again, and have no apology to make. If the public does not feel interested in our having a good school they need not read this, or if the editor of the News does not wish to publish this it is his privilege to throw it into the waste basket. So far he has been exceedingly kind, and I appreciate it very much.

Until the last issue of the "News" reached me I was ignorant of the fact that the School Board had turned down three of our former teachers instead of two. If I were they I would have no more to say about contradiction, inconsistency, home talent and local pride. If any one's action ever belied their words it was theirs in regard to our third teacher.

I puzzled and puzzled, went thru mental aberrations, trying to decide what the Board meant when they said they had turned down three applications and had no more places to fill. In the name of common sense and humanity, what did the board do with our other grade, our ninth teacher? Do you suppose they meant for eight teachers to teach about five hundred children in ten grades? Well, I'm, I'm—(if such an august body as our school board can use slang, can't I?)—I'm stumped. The next thing I expect to hear, they will be short a teacher and be wanting seven teachers to try to teach five hundred children. How do they expect to crowd our children into eight rooms. We had an overflow of children last year, we will have even more this year. If they could be equally proportioned among the rooms it would not be so bad, but the greater number of our children are in the first four grades. Last year with a teacher for primer and first reader there was not enough seating room. My little boy would come home so dirty and dusty I would say, "Son, what makes you get your clothes so dirty?" and he would say, "Well, mama, I had to sit on the floor." "Those other three boys crowded me out of the seat," or "I had to get down on my knees to write." I am not exaggerating or going thru egregious hallucinations. Just go up to the school about the third week and take a look. I am thankful I have not a little tot to start this year. If I did I would send it wearing a good strong belt (a life belt would not be amiss) for it will have to be suspended from the ceiling, there certainly is no floor space for it to occupy. Years ago we had so many children we came near pushing out the walls of our building, had to reinforce them with steel rods. Every year we have more and more children. We either will have to have more room, more teachers, or the compulsory school

law repealed, or else slow up our birth rate. For this year we can, and it does seem to me must, "thin" out our down stairs rooms by having a class room and a ninth teacher as we did last year. I can't, "floundered" around in mental aberrations as much as you please, see any earthly reason (certainly no heavenly reason) for the Board wanting to take away one of our teachers. I don't pretend to understand our school board. I think sometimes they themselves don't know why they act thus and so. As one man said to me, "I think they are good, honest men, but lack school sense," possibly that is so.

I wonder if the Board has ever paused to compare our schools with the other schools of Marion county. Where do you suppose the county schools get the money to pay as many again teachers to teach the same number of children as we have teaching our children? Don't you know we all pay into a common fund and we should draw out equally if we pro rate according to the number of our children, which we don't do. The law says that every school in the county must run the same length of time. One teacher draws one salary, another another. Every school is drawing out of the same fund, eating as it were out of a common dish. — If one school uses a ladle and one a teaspoon, when the money is all gone, what have we gained? We can't possibly do the whole county any great service by saving the salary of one poorly paid teacher. We most certainly can and will do our school a great deal of harm, there is such a thing as straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel.

We have laws forbidding crowding chickens into a coop or calves into a car, but there seems to be no law against crowding our children into school rooms until the very walls of the building protest.

It seems to me it was treating us badly enough to take away our former teachers, but to strike at the physical well being of our of our children is too much. Don't we mothers work and worry, and spend all our time and energy doing all we can to keep our children physically strong and well, and then take them to school and for five days in the week deprive them of sufficient fresh air and room in which to grow properly is inhuman. I am not hysterical, nor having hallucinations, all I ask of you is to go and see when we start school with eight teachers. I can't believe the Board means for us to have only eight teachers, there must be a misunderstanding somewhere. The Board has employed for us young teachers, just starting their teaching career. In all fairness to them the Board surely will give them a fighting chance to make good. Didn't we have teacher after teacher desert and leave us last year, (my little girl had four teachers in one term) because the work was too much for them, and they were not new on the "job" either.

I am not sure I knew the Board kept books. Since they do, tho', I would like to see or know how much money we have to spend for one term, how we get it and how we spend it. Other schools of the county either get more money than we do or they get bigger and better results. We don't pay our teachers high salaries, neither do we enlarge or improve our building nor beautify our grounds. We get our fuel cheap in comparison. Unless our money goes for watering our children out of a barrel and paying our janitor, I can't see why we do not have longer terms. Well, anyway we are going to have as long term as the other schools of the county according to our school law, and then we have our twenty cent special tax money to spend.

Oh! I guess I will keep up my mental wanderings all right, but how or why would the Board have to qualify anyone before she could enter the contest for election? Would it be a painful operation? Truly the more I learn about "politics" the less I seem to know.

The Whitwell School Board need not delude itself into thinking it can get out of its dilemma by egging us on to "oust" them, not much. They have made their own trouble by letting the gratification of their personal feelings run away with their sound common sense. They have refused our offer of sympathy and help, and relegated us to a back seat, which we mean to take, anything to be obliging, let them extricate themselves as they may. Dear brothers, you have put your hands to the plow, don't be deserters, go on to the end of your row if you do go—crooked I came near saying, but since crooked has so many different meanings, I will say stumbling and muttering along.

MOTHER PATRON.
Whitwell, Tenn., Aug. 2, 1920.

EVERYTHING TO GAIN BY WOMAN SUFFRAGE

MEN LOSE NOTHING—they keep their votes.

THE HOME WILL GAIN A VOTE in addition to the one it had before.

THE WIFE WILL GAIN more interests in common with her husband.

THE MOTHER WILL GAIN the power to reduce the high cost of living, to get better schools and recreation places for her children and decent working conditions for her older sons and daughters.

THE CHILDREN WILL GAIN double protection when the father and mother both can vote.

THE FARMER WILL GAIN because farm women will vote for farm interests.

THE STATE WILL GAIN because it will have the service of experts in housekeeping.

GOVERNMENT WILL GAIN because it can use the intelligence of ALL THE PEOPLE instead of only one-half.

WHAT THE ANTIS DON'T TELL YOU

Anti-suffragists tell you that between 1916 and 1918 the Socialist vote increased 22 per cent. So it did, but what the antis don't tell you is that the increase came in the year 1916-1917, when women were not voting.

The Socialist state vote for governor in 1918 was 23,628 less than the city vote alone for mayor in 1917.

City vote:
1916, for governor..... 33,578
1917, for mayor..... 145,328
1918, for governor..... 86,427

A decrease of 58,901 in the city Socialist vote in the year women voted.

If you are going to disfranchise anybody for being a Socialist, disfranchise the men. They contribute the bulk of Socialist votes.

Keep Well

Do not allow the poisons of undigested food to accumulate in your bowels, where they are absorbed into your system. Indigestion, constipation, headache, bad blood, and numerous other troubles are bound to follow. Keep your system clean, as thousands of others do, by taking an occasional dose of the old, reliable, vegetable, family liver medicine.

Thedford's Black-Draught

Mrs. W. F. Pickle, of Rising Fawn, Ga., writes: "We have used Thedford's Black-Draught as a family medicine. My mother-in-law could not take calomel as it seemed too strong for her, so she used Black-Draught as a mild laxative and liver regulator. We use it in the family and believe it is the best medicine for the liver made." Try it. Insist on the genuine—Thedford's. 25c a package. E-75

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